

ALEC REED ACADEMY

Bengarth Road, Northolt, Middlesex, UB5 5LQ

Tel: 020 8841 4511 Fax: 020 8841 4480

www.alecreedacademy.co.uk

Principal and CEO: Phil Cosby - BSc (Hons), MA



9th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I write to you we are once again nearing the end of a school term with only 6 days left until the start of the holiday season. I remind you that the **last day of term is Friday 16th December** and that the **Secondary Phase finish at 1.00pm** and the **Primary Phase finish at 1.15pm**.

Our Restaurant will be serving **Christmas lunch on Monday 12th December for the Primary Phase** and **Tuesday 13th December for the Secondary Phase**. If your child is in the Secondary Phase the cost of this lunch will be £2.70. Please ensure that your child has enough money on their card unless they are entitled to free school meals.

This has been a busy term with the return of all our traditional annual school events such as our Secondary Phase Awards Evening which was attended by over 250 people. I encourage you to look out for the end of term newsletters which will bring you up to speed with all the wonderful activities that have been taking place over the last few months, not least the many school performances from the Primary Phase.

The Mayor of Ealing will be coming along to see the Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th December. I am confident that that she will be really impressed with the children and the show that they will present. Madam Mayor will be attending in her full Civic Regalia so I am sure the pupils will want to ask her some questions about her role within our community.

Over recent weeks the World Cup has become high profile and we have been fortunate that the timings of the England games have mostly fallen outside of school hours. The first game, against Iran, was over lunch time so we allowed pupils to watch the first half and they returned to lessons for the second half. Hopefully, they will continue to progress in the competition. With such a multi-cultural school we had pupils supporting just about every team in the tournament. May the best team win.

As this is the first winter without pandemic restrictions in two years, you and your children may be more susceptible to the usual winter bugs and viruses this year. Winter bugs and viruses are usually mild, but can sometimes become more serious. More information about when to keep your child away from school and nursery is available here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

One of the viruses going around this year is the Group A strep bacteria. This is a common bacteria found in the throat that can cause a range of illnesses, including tonsillitis, scarlet

'The Collins PiXL Award for Outstanding Progress' National Award Winners 2014



fever and some skin infections. Whilst scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it is highly infectious. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. You should contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement and contact NHS 111 or your GP.

During the course of the academic year we have been focussing on increasing parental engagement and part of this process is to get more feedback from parents after public events and the development of the PSA (Parent, Staff Association). I encourage you to make contact through enquiries@alecreedacademy.co.uk if you would like to be involved in this process. Whilst we value any parental communication I remind you that it is important that you ring to make an appointment if you wish to meet with a specific member of staff. Due to teaching commitments, we cannot guarantee our availability if you turn up unannounced. Far better to ring ahead and make an appointment than be disappointed on your arrival.

On the last day of term (16th December) we will celebrate Christmas jumper day in the **Secondary Phase**. Pupils are **invited to wear a festive jumper on Friday 16th December** and parents can make a donation via ParentPay, the proceeds of which will go to Save the Children.

I remind you that **all pupils return to school on Thursday 5th January** at their normal start time.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and wish you and your families all the best for 2023.

With kind Regards

Phil Cosby
Principal & CEO